



News from the City of Hillsboro

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Thank you for choosing to "Stay Connected" with the latest news and event information from the City of Hillsboro! Whether you live in Hillsboro, work here or simply love to visit, you'll find a wide variety of ways to get involved in making our community stronger.



Six members of the Hillsboro Fire Department were assigned last week to help fight [the Government Flat Complex fires near The Dalles](#) - as part of the Washington County Task Force. All have returned with the exception of one chief officer who continues to serve with the Oregon Department of Forestry Incident

Management Team to address the wildfire.

HFD is part of the larger, statewide community of fire departments that pool resources when large fires overwhelm local resources. The City is reimbursed for the use of HFD resources, and the mutual aid deployments do not negatively impact HFD's day-to-day services.

Last week, HFD Engineer Kelly Zakrzewski was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Zakrzewski is the first female at the Hillsboro Fire Department to achieve the rank of Lieutenant. She began her career with HFD in 2003 as a Firefighter and was promoted to the rank of Engineer in 2009.

Hillsboro Firefighters Random Acts of Kindness - a private, non-profit organization established by Hillsboro firefighters to help people in need - donated \$1,500 last week to help Love INC. of Greater Hillsboro provide backpacks and school supplies for 500 Hillsboro students. Students and families gathered over the weekend to pick up their backpacks and school supplies.

Following news coverage on CNN, BBC Radio, and the Huffington Post, the [Hillsboro](#)

[Police Chief recruitment video](#) has been viewed more than 116,000 times on YouTube. The City has been notified that the video will be highlighted in a presentation on humor in storytelling at the International City/County Management Association's upcoming conference in Boston.

Lt. Rich Goerling and other HPD members are featured in the [cover story of Mindful Magazine](#) this month. The article focuses on how officers can cope with stress by focusing on physical, emotional and mental wellness.

Barley, the Hillsboro Hops' mascot, aided the Hillsboro Police Department last week in [alerting the public to be aware of pedestrian safety](#) before school begins. [Every driver stopped for Barley](#) at the corner of 3rd and Lincoln in downtown Hillsboro. However, a female pedestrian decoy did not get the same courtesy from all drivers, leading to 34 traffic stops - 15 warnings and 19 citations.



More than 5,000 children signed up for the Library's Summer Reading Program this year. The program is aided by in-kind donations that are used as incentives for children, teens and adults who participate. This year, in-kind donations totaled \$75,836 from these organizations in our community:

- McDonald's
- Park Lanes Bowling
- Goody's
- Taco Del Mar
- Sonic
- Wok Box



The Hillsboro Main Library received a special book donation in memory of a young victim of the Sandy Hook (Connecticut) Elementary School shootings. [Click here to read the touching story by Andrew Theen of The Oregonian.](#)

Metro President and former Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes and the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department received [Hillsboro 2020 Vision Outstanding Service Awards](#) at last week's Council meeting. Hughes is honored as an "Outstanding Individual" who helped bring Hillsboro's community vision to life. The Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department is honored as an "Outstanding Organization" after successfully recruiting Hillsboro's first professional sports franchise: the Hillsboro Hops.

ODOT started construction this month on the U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange project. The modernization project will improve traffic flow and safety in the interchange area. Completion is slated for summer 2015. [Click here for details about the project's schedule and impact on traffic.](#)



Hillsboro Water employees are in the "start-up" phase on the Crandall Reservoir and pump station. Most work has been completed on the reservoir and pump station, and now equipment is being set up and tested. In coming weeks, the facility will be up and running in manual mode, with full automation by mid-September. A public Open House, with guided tours, is planned for October 1 from 5 - 7 pm at the reservoir. See calendar listing below.

Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Utility Worker Jesus Gonzalez is featured in a television report on water conservation. The story, on Spanish-language station KUNP, [can be watched \(in Spanish\) by clicking here.](#)

[The first-place Hillsboro Hops](#) are making a push for the playoffs in the final week of the regular season. Tonight, the team takes on Boise at Hillsboro Ballpark. On Wednesday, the Hops start their final regular-season homestand against Eugene. Senator Jeff Merkley is scheduled to attend Thursday's game and throw out the first pitch.

CALENDAR:

September 10, (Tuesday) South Hillsboro Master Planning Community Workshop #1. You're invited to a City presentation on the South Hillsboro Master Planning project. Get a project overview and hear about draft best practices and planning principles that will inform the Master Planning process. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Rosedale Elementary School, 3963 SW 229th Avenue.

September 19, (Thursday) Strategic Energy Management Workshop. A half-day seminar to help businesses understand how to manage energy efficiently and save money on utility bills. Co-sponsored by the City of Hillsboro. 7:30 am - noon. Free to Hillsboro Chamber members and PGE customers. Washington County Public Services Building, 155 N First Avenue. Register at energyeducationcenter.com or call 503-464-8020 for more information.

October 1, (Tuesday) Open House at Crandall Reservoir. See Hillsboro's new water reservoir up close, take a tour, and learn how its design and service-providing capabilities will increase water reliability in Hillsboro even more. This is a limited

opportunity: the reservoir grounds will be gated and closed to visitors after this event. 5 pm - 7pm. North side of NW Evergreen Road, next to the Four Square Church, near Glencoe Road. For more information, please visit www.hillsborowater.org, or call (503) 615-6702.

October 5, (Saturday) Fire Prevention Week Kick-off. Hillsboro Fire and Rescue will be at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market in downtown Hillsboro to focus the public's attention on how to prevent kitchen fires, the number one place where home fires start. Starts at 9 am. Downtown Hillsboro.

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